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How Mr. Parker Caught a Thief.

"Did I ever tell you how I caught a thief once?" asked Mr. Parker of his friend Mr. Johnson, as he sat smoking a pipe in Mr. Johnson's comfortable "place."

"No, tell us about it," said Mr. Johnson, filling the glasses with fresh ale.

"Well," said Mr. Parker, "I don't mind if I do. You see, I bought me a nice overcoat two or three years ago; it was one of a lot of once overcoats, and I was rather proud of it. I hung it up in the hall one day, and that evening, just as I was coming into the hall from dinner, I saw a chap getting out of the door with my overcoat on. I rushed after him, but it was no go—he got away. Next day I met that fellow on Broadway and had him arrested, but when we came into court and I tried to identify that coat he had fifty other fellows there, and every blamed one of them had a coat just like mine and I couldn't swear to it and the judge had to let him go. Perhaps I wasn't mad! 'Great guns!' said I, 'am I to be robbed with impunity?' 'Parker, old boy,' said I to myself, 'this will never do!' So I went right back to the store where I got the first coat and got one exactly like it. Now, said I, I'll set a trap for that young man and I'll see if I can't identify this coat. I baited my trap with the new coat, and sure enough the sneak thief came along and marched off with it. I chased him, but the rascal got away, and I began to wish I hadn't been so sharp. Well, I looked for that fellow more than a week; at last I caught him! 'Young man,' said I, 'I want that coat.'

"'There's some mistake here,' said he.

"'Yes, sir, there is,' said I; 'you've got an honest man's coat on.'

"'Well,' said he, bold as brass, 'I'll go to court with you. There's a thousand other coats like this in New York. There's no mark on it; you can't swear to it.'

"'We'll see,' said I.

"We went to court. There were the fifty fellows with coats just like mine, as before. The judge took the coat and examined it."

"'I find no mark,' said he; 'can you identify this as your property, Mr. Parker?'

"'Certainly,' said I; 'my initials are in it.' The prisoner began to grin, for he had searched the coat, no doubt, and found no mark.

"'Give me the coat,' said I. The judge handed me the coat, and, taking my penknife, I ripped the seam on the shoulder, and took out two small peas. 'There are my initials,' said I—'P. P.—Peleg Parker.'

"'Well, I be hanged!' said the prisoner. He wasn't," concluded Mr. Parker, with a benevolent smile, "but he got two years in the penitentiary, nevertheless."

The Indian Courting Season.

The Indian courting season will open soon, so we are informed by Captain Sam, an Indian high in the councils of the Piute nation, says the Austin (Nev.) *Reveille*. The Indians will then break up their camps near the towns and take to the hills, where they will remain encamped till after the spring fandango. This courting season—which is the best name we can find for it—is the principal holiday of the Indians, and while it lasts no money or persuasion will induce the Indian, male or female, to perform labor.

"If I am so unlucky as to have a stupid son," said a military officer, "I will certainly make him a parson." A clergyman who was in the company, calmly replied: "You think differently, sir, from your father."

Better Things.

Better to smell the violet cool, than sip the glowing wine;

Better to hark a hidden brook, than watch a diamond shine.

Better the love of gentle heart, than beauty's fawning proud;

Better the rose's living seed, than roses in a crowd.

Better to love in loneliness, than to bask in love all day;

Better the fountain in the heart, than the fountain by the way.

Better be fed by mother's hand, than eat alone at will;

Better to trust in God, than say: "My goods my storehouse fill."

Better to be a little wise, than in knowledge to abound;

Better to teach a child, than toil to fill perfection's round.

Better to sit at a master's feet, than thrill a listening State;

Better to suspect that thou art proud, than be sure that thou art great.

Better to walk the real unseen, than watch the hour's sweet;

Better the "Well done!" at the last, than the air with shouting rent.

Better to have a quiet grief, than a hurrying delight;

Better the twilight of the dawn, than the noonday burning bright.

Better a death when work is done, than earth's most favored birth;

Better a child in God's great house, than the king of all the earth.

—*George MacDonald.*

MILLY MIDGE'S LETTER.

Mail Agent Harry Bassett, having distributed the contents of the government pouches taken on the train at Wood City, lit a cigar, and threw himself into his lounging chair. He was the sole occupant of postal service car No. 29, and he must have felt lonely with the mail bags looking at him like so many expressionless demons. To his right lay a heap of mail pouches, some well filled, others almost empty, and the stove at his left kept the apartment warm.

It was a crisp November night, and Mr. Bassett had heard one of Wood City's weather prophets predict a fall of snow before dawn. Harry was styled "a half frozen man" at home, and during the winter days and nights his stove was kept red and, consequently, warmer blooded persons, like the conductor and messenger, kept out of the postal car.

What the mail agent fell to thinking about that night I do not know. He had a little family one hundred miles away, and doubtless his thoughts were with Ellen and the children.

The car was running at the rate of thirty miles an hour, over one of the smoothest roads in the country. Harry Bassett's thoughts might be traveling faster than the train, and in an opposite direction.

He was far from asleep, but very thoughtful when he became conscious of the presence of another person in the mail coach. His back was turned to the door that opened upon the rear platform that the car boasted of, and he had not heard the portal open or close. Still an unseen visitor was in the car, and the presence filled the mail agent with a feeling akin to fear.

For a moment he sat still, half inclined to laugh at himself, and half to spring up and confront the person, whoever it might be.

I will not deny that Bassett almost expected a blow on the head, when he suddenly thought of the valuable mail he had received at Wood City. The postmaster himself had handed him the pouches, and had informed him that their contents were worth twenty thousand dollars. And while distributing in the car, Bassett had remarked to himself upon the unusual number of registered letters, each of which was very valuable. Perhaps the visitor was a mail robber? And it was not until this thought passed into Bassett's brain that he whirled his lounge, and turned his face toward the other end of the car.

There stood the presence which had affrighted him.

In the mellow rays of the lamp stood the lithe figure of maidenhood, and the postal service man felt like laughing at himself.

The girl, for Harry Bassett's visitor had not passed her seventeenth year, was very beautiful. The very pallor of her face, delicately molded and almost classic in outline, gave her a spiritual expression not to be described. Her eyes were black and full of luster, and her hair which seemingly had escaped from the comb, fell in abandon over her shoulders. She was really clad, and here was a crested ring on the betrothal finger.

Harry Bassett, naturally quick of comprehension, took in everything at a glance; but could not find it within himself to break the silence and dissipate what might, after all, be but a dream.

But the silence was broken while he debated, by the visitor.

She came forward with her eyes fixed on the heap of pouches, not on the agent and said:

"I want my letter!"

She spoke imperatively, but in a voice as soft and sweet as the midnight zephyrs of the prairies.

"Your letter?" said the agent, with wonderment in his eyes. "Indeed, miss, I have no letter for you."

"It is in there!" she replied, pointing to one of the large mail sacks. "You must give it to me."

A paler cheek than Bassett's face.

The designated sack was a "through" one, and he did not possess the key that opened its leathern jaws.

He looked from the pouch into the girl's eyes now flashing like coals of fire, and believed that he stood face to face with a beautiful maniac. He wondered if she was armed and if he could not talk down the hobby on which she seemed him.

"I'm very sorry," he said, "but your letter went down on the other train. If you will but give me the authority, I will 'call it out,' and deliver it when I return."

For a moment the mail agent thought that he was going to succeed with the girl, for a sigh parted her lips, and she moved toward his chair as though she intended to occupy it. But such was not her intention.

"You do not know that my name is Milly Midge!" she said, as her hand crept into the slender pocket of her dress. "Therefore, you know nothing about my letters. The one he promised to write me is in this car—in that bag! Did he not say: 'I will send a letter down Thursday night,' when he left me? Aye, he did; and he has never broken his word. This is Thursday night, and my letter is in the sack. You will please to open it. Look for Milly Midge's name."

Bassett knew not what to do. He dared not cut the sack, and in no other way could he get at its contents. He knew the penalty attached to such a course of procedure, and he thought of the little family that depended on him for life.

The mad girl—for she was undoubtedly mad—never removed her eyes from the mail agent, and when he stooped over the sack with a bunch of keys, she came forward, smilingly, out of pure curiosity.

Her hand still remained in her pocket.

Bassett guessed what the hidden fingers clutched.

He tried the keys on the locks of the "through" sack, but of course none fitted them.

"This is the through mail, Miss Midge," he said, in the blandest tone he could assume. "I can't open it."

"Cut it with your knife."

"Such an act would send me to the penitentiary."

Then the girl's pale hand left her pocket, and the postal service man caught the glitter of a revolver's barrel.

"Milly Midge wants her letter!" she said. "You must look for it in that strong bag!"

Bassett drew his knife, and with a groan fell to work on the tough leather.

"Work like the bee," said the girl. "If I catch you fooling, I'll hunt for the letter myself, and you will then be dead. Look for Milly Midge's name in flourishing letters, for such kind he always makes. If you only knew how eager I am to read what he says. He will tell me when he is coming back to take me to the church."

Her voice, despite the place, hour and situation, had a charm for imperiled Harry Bassett. He thought it was the sweetest voice he had ever heard, and he wondered whence came the poor girl, evidently cruelly crossed in love.

At last he was among the letters of the through mail, passing them through his hands, and apparently reading the superscription of each.

Milly Midge watched him closely and with a great deal of anxiety.

"No letter," Bassett said, as he crammed the missives back into the sack, and the girl sighed again and echoed his words.

She was standing so near the mail agent that he might have touched her with his hand, but he was stooping, she standing erect.

"Look into this sack," she said, touching a large, white canvas mail pouch, with her dainty foot, until that moment concealed. "My letter must be in here, if you examined the other sack thoroughly. Look for Milly Midge's name—don't forget it. It will not be Milly Midge much longer. Do you see that ring?" and with pride she displayed the glittering ring on her engagement finger.

Harry Bassett fell upon the white sack, which he unlocked with ease, as he held its key.

He was praying for the presence of the conductor or messenger, for he knew that he had forty miles still to run before the train would stop and release him.

"You must find my letter in that sack!" Milly Midge said with determination. "I know it is there, and if you say that it is not—do you see this? Ha! ha!"

He glanced up and saw the revolver flashing very near his devoted head.

What must he do? What could he do?

A sign of treachery or a declaration that no letter for Milly Midge was in the pouch might suddenly terminate his earthly career. He knew that he could not seize the girl and disarm her, for her keen eyes noticed his every movement.

Harry Bassett was in the greatest peril.

Letter after letter was taken from the pouch, the superscriptions carefully noted, but no comments made. He was trying to gain time, which alone could prove his salvation, and his ears waited painfully for the opening of the door.

"Quick!" suddenly cried the beautiful demoniac. "I can't stand here all night waiting for the letter I could find myself in less than five minutes. It is in the sack, and I see there are but four or five letters remaining. You haven't forgotten the name—Milly Midge. What! are you going to say it is not there?" and her eyes seemed sparks of fire to the frightened mail agent.

He held in his hand the last letters of the pouch, and was turning them over slowly. All at once he heard a sound.

His heart leaped into his throat, as it were, for the door had opened!

The mad girl did not seem to hear it, and Harry Bassett feared that he would betray the approach of succor when he looked up into her face.

"What is the name?" he asked, quickly.

"Milly Midge," was the answer. "Oh, sir! have you found the letter? I knew it was in the white sack!"

She was putting forth her hand when Harry Bassett caught a glimpse of the conductor's beard beyond her, and he nodded at the apparition.

The next moment a piercing shriek filled the postal car, and Milly Midge was in the conductor's arms.

Bassett drew a breath of relief and rose to his feet.

In a minute he acquainted his rescuer with the facts in the thrilling case, and the poor girl was taken care of. The remainder of the trip was made without incident, and the mail agent was not dealt with for cutting the pouch, when his story was told.

It was afterward ascertained that Milly Midge had lost her reason through the unfaithfulness of a lover, whose last words when he left her were promises of love, and "I'll send you a letter Thursday night!"

She had escaped from confinement several days prior to the night on which she had boarded Harry Bassett's train to hunt for the latter, which never came.

Milly Midge is dead now—poor thing! she sleeps peacefully, and Harry Bassett, when passing in his postal car between Wood City and B——, is sure to think of her.

A Horse Defies a Locomotive.

A horse stood on the track of the New Jersey Central railroad near Centreville as an express train was approaching. The whistle was blown long and loud, but the horse budged not an inch. The train kept on until it was within a few yards of the animal. The engineer blew his whistle again, shouted and swung his arms frantically; still, the horse remained fixed to the spot. Then the train was started slowly ahead, and was not checked until the cow catcher almost touched the imperturbable animal, which instead of getting off the track coolly laid down upon the edge of the cow catcher. Then the train hands, assisted by several passengers dragged the beast off the track and the train went on.

A New Search for Charley Ross.

The negotiations between P. T. Barnum and Christian K. Ross, the father of the kidnapped Charley, by which the former is to offer $10,000 for the return of the child, and the latter to promise not to attempt any prosecution of those bringing him back, were finished in Springfield, Mass., recently. Mr. Barnum's original proposition was that he should offer the reward, and, if the boy was secured, some arrangement should be made for exhibiting him, by which Mr. Ross should have a large share of the profits, and thus, perhaps, restore his estate of $90,000 which he has spent in the search. Mr. Ross made no answer at that time, but returned to Philadelphia to consult with his wife and her brothers, who are wealthy, and met Mr. Barnum in the Haynes House, Springfield, to accept the offer, with the condition that, if the boy is found, it shall be discretionary with the family either to reimburse Mr. Barnum or arrange for the child's exhibition. The railroads and telegraph companies have given Mr. Ross the free use of their facilities, but he has nevertheless spent all his means, and is practically bankrupt. The family cling to the hope that the child is not dead, and base it largely on the ascertained fact that he was living at the time the abductors were killed on Long Island, five months after he was stolen.

Mr. Barnum has published the following:

I will pay $10,000 in cash for the delivery to me alive of the kidnapped child Charley Ross, or for information that will lead to his recovery. I most solemnly and sacredly pledge my word of honor and my reputation as an upright business man not to attempt for myself to discover the identity of the persons negotiating with me in this matter, nor to convey to any other person any hints or clews by which any accusation, or even suspicion, shall be directed against them. The parents of the child unite with me in this pledge, and agree, if their darling child is by this means restored to them, to abandon all attempts to punish any person connected with his abduction or concealment; they agree never to appear against such parties, and with myself will use every endeavor to shield them from exposure. For the last three years these parents have suffered more than death, and, now that Mosher and Douglass, the real abductors, are dead, it is hoped that the persons who have the child in custody will be willing to accept this reward and immunity. The reward shall be paid in current money as soon as the child is identified by its parents. As an additional security to the persons bringing him, a reasonable time shall elapse between his delivery and the public announcement of the fact, that the parties delivering him shall have every opportunity to avoid discovery.

P. T. Barnum, Bridgeport, Conn.

Horrors of the Turkish War.

A cable dispatch says the little Bulgarian town of Turtukai, situated across the Danube from Oltenitza, possessed many Christian inhabitants, in numbers far fewer than the Turks. On the night of the sixteenth the Turkish citizens of the town joined with the troops in the fortress, from which the village takes its name, and began an onslaught upon the Christians. The carnage began in all parts of the town at once. The doors of those who attempted to defend their homes were broken in, and the massacres and outrages were perpetrated within the dwellings. In many instances, however, the attacking parties encountered the families seated together in front of their houses. The method in such cases generally was to either saber or shoot the father and elder sons, to break the skulls of the old women, and then to seize and outrage the younger women. In very many cases the outrages were perpetrated by neighbors and citizens of the town well known to the poor miserable victims. Nobody was spared who was captured. Scenes of frightful atrocity occurred. The cries of the fleeing women and children were heard at the outposts of the Roumanian troops encamped below Oltenitza, and a small party, under cover of darkness, ventured across the river. They brought two Bulgarian men back with them. One of the fugitives was quite an old man, and was for a long time unable to speak from grief and wild terror. When he was composed sufficiently to talk with the Roumanian officers, he described the killing of his wife and eldest son in his sight, and the carrying off of his daughter. The only pretext seems to have been the ineffectual bombardment of Oltenitza from the old fortress of Turtukai and from the new water batteries which have been erected along the river bank. No damage was done by Turkish batteries.

Little Things.

When the wind was opportune a kite was flown across the Niagara; to the slender cord a larger was attached and drawn over. To this a rope was fastened, and to it a cable, and these drawn across until a foundation was secured upon which rests the miracle of architecture, the bridge across the Niagara. The fragile kite-string was an insignificant beginning for such a structure. So it is with discriminating attention. It is not the end of mental growth, but it is that which makes growth possible.

What is the greatest want of the age? Want of funds.

Adieu.

Let time and chance combine, combine,
Let time and chance combine;
The fairest love from heaven above,
That love of yours was mine,
My dear,
That love of yours was mine.

The past has fled and gone, and gone
The past is dead and gone;
If naught but pain to me remain,
I'll fare in memory on,
My dear,
I'll fare in memory on.

—*Burdette.*

Items of Interest.

Coal, but not always collected—An ice bill.

He plaintiff should prove his own witness when he is calling for a doctor [illegible] time as the doctor's bill.

Western papers report that ex-Gov. C. C. Washburn, of Wisconsin, who is a millionaire, has made $25,000 by the rise in flour.

Young persons in Connecticut are devoting themselves to the manufacture of Centennial bed quilts, each quilt being composed of 1,876 pieces of cloth.

A Missouri wedding party, on a bridal tour consisted of the groom, aged eighty-five years, the bride, seventy-six, and a son of the former, aged sixty-two.

Times softens all things. If you don't believe it, go down in the cellar and stick your hand down in the last barrel of cabbages you stowed away last fall.

Some wondrously smart fellow has just determined the difference between an editor and his wife. He says one writes articles to set and the other sets articles to rights.

It is the candid opinion of the Detroit *Free Press* that "any boy can have just as much fun around a bonfire made of an old straw bed as any man can have in seeing a hotel burn down.

These big, standing shirt collars are all right now, but how will it be long in dog days? When one of them begins to melt and subside the owner will think he is being embraced by a weeping clam.

A Minneapolis man asks $10,000 damages of a wealthy widow for not marrying him. He says she promised to do so, and he gave up his business of liquor selling to please her, thus causing his bankruptcy.

The rarest of rare occasions is a diamond wedding—the celebration of the seventy-fifth marriage anniversary. But Hiram Gulick, of Pennsylvania, aged ninety-seven, and his wife, aged ninety-four, had that felicity the other day.

"Madam," said a cross tempered physician to a patient, "if women were admitted to paradise their tongues would make it a purgatory." "And some physicians, if allowed to practice there," replied the lady, "would make it a desert."

James Peak has lived in a log cabin in Overton county, Tenn., for seventy-five years, and is now one hundred and one years old. He has a accumulated a property of between $25,000 and $30,000, and has children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The growing custom of putting the choir at the pulpit end of the church has the very serious drawback that it prevents a man from turning around and looking up at the organ in a critical manner just before the contribution box approaches his pew.

About the most solemn spectacle to be witnessed in this world are the actions of a man who, in coming home from his club at two o'clock in the morning, finds his wife intrenched with a rolling pin behind the only door by which he can gain admission into the house.

A girl screamed in a lecture audience in Lafayette, Oregon. Then all the other girls screamed. General consternation ensued, and a rush was made for the doors, people were bruised, clothes torn, and the room at length was emptied. The first screamer had seen a rat.

How often, oh, how often we find a man who will pay eleven dollars for a box of cigars without a question or a moment's hesitation, who will contract his brows and start back in speechless horror and stare for ten straight minutes at the item: "To one piece of dress braid, ten cents," in a dry goods bill that his trembling wife hands him.

Judah Peter Benjamin, the most popular lawyer in London, and whose income is over $100,000 a year, was formerly secretary of State of the Southern Confederacy. He is sixty-five, was born in San Domingo, is a Hebrew, went to New Orleans after graduating at Yale, was a Whig, then a Democratic United States senator and then a Confederate.

Somebody in Apple Creek, Wayne county, Ohio, has sent to President Hayes a mammoth rustic chair. On the top of the back is carved the word "Louisiana;" on the right arm "South Carolina;" on the left "Colored Votes;" on the seat "Southern Commission" and "Fifteenth Amendment," and on the front legs respectively "North" and "South."

Love may be a relic of paradise, but when a man has been sitting up in the back parlor with the light turned down till half-past twelve, his imagination, as his footsteps reverberate through the silent, shadowed streets on his homeward way, does not reveal so much in thoughts of poetry, and birds, and flowers, as it does in the prospect that there are a few cold beans left in the house.

The Right of Search.

The Russian fleet left New York under sealed orders, and as there is much probability that the squadron sailed for the purpose of intercepting vessels suspected of having arms and munitions of war on board for the Turks, it may be proper to state that our treaties with several nations clearly define the manner of searching a vessel on the high seas; and in all of these treaties it is stipulated in effect that the examining vessel shall remain out of gunshot of the vessel to be searched, and send one or two boats with a few men only to board the vessel suspected of having contraband on board. The proof with respect to the cargo must be the certificates containing the particulars of the cargo, the place sailed from, where bound, etc., but the hatches are not to be opened, nor any of the packages, unless the vessel is brought ashore, and then in the presence of competent officers. The master of any suspected vessel cannot be required to leave his ship. Our treaties with Great Britain and Russia, however, are silent as to the whole proceeding.

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THE MISSISSIPPI BASHI-BAZOUKS.

HOW THEY HOLD GOV. STONE IN THEIR POWER.

"A Mississippian," who speaks from an intimate personal acquaintance with Gov. Stone, of Mississippi, in a communication to the Washington *Evening Star*, furnishes the following unique defense of the Governor for his failure to act on that the proper official inquiry into the murder of the Chisolm family by the Kemper County mob. From this communication it will be observed that the sacrifice of the lives of Republicans, white or black, will not be given the least consideration when Democrats are standing for re-election in Mississippi, in order that they may continue to revel "in the luxury of home rule." The writer, who speaks with a full knowledge of the administration of affairs in Mississippi under "a party that has used force and murders itself into power," says:

I know Gov. Stone well, having served several years in the Legislature with him. He has not been a politician. His home is at Corinth, where the wholesales liquors. He was elected to the State Senate as a Democrat of fair mind and liberal views. This character he maintained throughout his Legislative career, and in several notable instances voted against his party when the whole party pressure was brought against him. His possesses remarkable personal independence, and, I have always thought, a high sense of right and justice for a Mississippi Democrat. I do not propose to extenuate his personal dereliction of duty in this case, but can fully realize his situation. Few public men care to make martyrs of themselves, however good the cause. Gov. Stone is not an exception. An election for Governor occurs next November. He is a candidate for nomination by his party. In this instance he became Governor by the forced resignation of Gov. Ames, being President pro tem. of the Senate at that time, now he wants to be elected by the people. He knows that a vigorous effort to prosecute the Kemper County murderers would insure his certain defeat; and why? Simply because nine-tenths of his party in the State sympathize with those men. The Meridian *Mercury*, the most popular paper in East Mississippi, in the issue of May 4, says that 99 of every 100 of the respectable citizens of Kemper County indorse what was done, and assume their proportionate share of the responsibility for the brutal deed. The *Mercury* spoke the truth, and it might have said as much for all the State. The Jackson *Clarion*, the official organ of the party at the Capital, attempts to excuse the murder, and not one of the 30 Democratic papers in the State has condemned it. Several cordially endorse it, as I have the proof to show. Then what is to be done? The Judges are Democrats, the prosecuting attorneys are Democrats and have to be re-elected next Fall. The Grand juries are Democratic, and in Kemper County every Democrat on the jury would either be of the 300 armed murderers who assembled on that bloody sabbath day at De Kalb, or in full sympathy with them, and I would not give a penny for the life of the man or woman who dare to testify against them; no petit jury of Democrats in Mississippi—and they have none other now—could be impaneled to convict of indictments were found. Nothing could be more absurd than to hope for justice in that direction. Gov. Stone knows this, and he does not propose to make a farce of a trial and sacrifice his hopes of nomination. The "White Brotherhood" made him and they can unmake him as quickly. They run the State, its courts, Governors, and all, and now have the fear of nothing before them. They are reveling in the luxury of home rule. Gov. Stone is not really to blame, because he cannot help himself. He is as powerless as a child, in fact. Place the blame where it belongs: with the people who elect Governors and consent; murders with the same bloody hands. Gov. Stone must know that as Governor he is but the product of circumstances. The campaign of 1875 required over 300 Republican lives to insure success. A party of fiend murders and assassinates is a fit ruling power will hold by the same means, and the man who expects its favor must at least consent to its acts.

—The census officers in Pennsylvania already now breathe freely. News comes from Washington that there are to be no changes in Pennsylvania. New England is to lose two Collectors, but there will be no removals in Pennsylvania.

—Every time the new rum bell-punch inflicts a drink, and credits the state of Virginia with two cents and a half, some of her loyal sons shoot a United States revenue officer who is trying to collect the whisky tax for the General Government. Gov. Kemper will do well to remind himself that a very small supply of Home Rule and State Rights of this sort will go a good way.

The Latest Southern Outrage.

From the New York Times.

During the days of Republican rule in the South every reference that was made to the lawlessness which then prevailed in that section, was met, on the part of those persons who delight in calling themselves Cotton State Conservatives, by the assertion that every outrage upon the person or upon property, every political murder, was chiefly to be attributed to the fact that radical Judges were corrupt and always ready to sell themselves to the highest bidder; that what were known as the negro Governments were unable to sustain themselves or enforce their authority, and that because of these things there was no punishment for crime, and consequently no respect for the laws. Give us our own Government, was then the Democratic cry; let us have control of the courts, and we shall so administer and execute the laws that crime will cease and peace and order prevail. Now that the Democrats of the South have got control of their State Governments, what has been the result? Are the laws more thoroughly enforced? Have political murders ceased? Are revolting crimes of less frequent occurrence? A man's life in Mississippi is as insecure to-day as it was four years ago. Crimes of the most atrocious character are committed, and the Democratic State Governments, the Democratic courts, do not even make a pretense of arresting or punishing the criminals.

Three months ago, if an inquiring visitor asked the average New-Orleans Democrat why the White League assassins of the parishes were never arrested and tried, he was quietly informed that Republican Judges were powerless to execute or enforce the laws, and that consequently murderers went unwhipped of justice. But all these outrages were to cease when the State was placed under Democratic rule. "No Republican shall be harmed, all men of all colors shall be protected, there will be no political murders under my Administration." These were the exact words of Gen. Nicholls during one of his interviews with the Presidential Commission. Now all Louisiana is under the Democratic rule, and even while the pledges of Nicholls and his associates are still fresh in public memory, the telegraph brings the news that James Laws, of East Feliciana, has been murdered by the White League—butchered because he was a Republican. It is the old, old story, the same tale of horror, which has become so familiar that it has almost lost all interest for the average American newspaper reader. James Laws was a negro, and, as we have reason to know, an upright, well informed, law-abiding, peace loving man. But, in addition to this, he was a pronounced, an influential Republican. During the last political campaign he presided at the only Republican meeting held in bloody East Feliciana. That meeting was broken up by the White League, and Laws became a marked man. When the Senate Investigating Committee was in New-Orleans he went to that city at his own expense and told what he knew of the shot-gun canvass. When he returned to his home he was warned that his life was in danger. He disregarded these warnings, and last Saturday night, while he was seated on his own balcony, his old mother by his side, he was shot dead by a company of White League Democrats. Killed, like hundreds of others in the Felicianas, "because he was a Republican nigger."

The people are not likely to jump to the conclusion even from facts like these that the new Southern policy is a failure. But they will demand that the leaders of the Democratic Party in the South, be kept strictly to their part of the agreement which resulted in the overthrow of Chamberlain and Packard. Gen. Nicholls has promised that under his Administration human life shall be respected in Louisiana, and that "all men, of all parties and all colors, shall receive equal and exact justice." The honest Republican sentiment of this country cannot and will not be satisfied until there is some assurance that these pledges are to be kept. If Gen. Nicholls cannot secure the arrest and punishment of the cowardly assassins of James Laws, who will claim that he is better able to rule in Louisiana than was Gov. Packard?

The Republican State Committee have selected Harrisburg as the place, and Wednesday, Aug. 29, the date for the next Republican State Convention.

—The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund have authorized the financial agent of the Commonwealth to call in $3,324,000 of the five and six per cent. loans falling due August 1, 1877, to be paid on presentation at the Farmers & Mechanics' National Bank, Philadelphia.

—Clarion county now produces more oil than any county in the state. The daily production of this county at present is about 11,000 barrels. This brings from $25,000 to $30,000 a day, and of course makes money plentier than in other places.

—Nearly every country paper we open contains an encouraging report of the growing crops. At no time that we can remember of was the prospects of abundance ever so general as now. East and West, North and South the report is the same, that the crops never before looked so well.

SHERIFF SALES.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of *Fieri Facias* issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., to me directed, I have levied upon the following described Real Estate, to wit: which I shall expose to public sale at the Court House in the Borough of Smethport, on Monday the 5th day of June A. D. 1877, at one o'clock p. m.

All that piece, parcel or tract of land situate in Liberty township, County of McKean, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at the northeast corner of Allegheny River, being the southwest corner of Alleghany street; thence north 44 perches to a post; thence east 25 perches to a post; thence south 44 perches to a post on the north bank of the Allegheny river; thence westerly up the said river to the place of beginning, containing 7 acres, more or less, being part of Lot No. 98 in warrant No. 2166, improved; two frame houses and two frame barns.

ALSO—Another lot in Bradford township bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stone on the north bank of the Allegheny river; thence north 44 perches to a post; thence east 25 perches to a post; thence south 44 perches to a post on the north bank of the Allegheny river; thence westerly up the said river to the place of beginning, containing 7 acres, more or less, being part of Lot No. 98 in warrant No. 2166, improved; two frame houses and two frame barns.

ALSO—Another lot of land bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a post standing on the south bank of the Allegheny river in the west line of the A. B. Dos Chappelles tract; thence south by line of said lot 117 4-10 perches to a post corner; thence west 25 perches to a post the southeast corner of a lot of land contracted to D. Clark No. 254; thence north 114 and 2-10 perches to a post standing on the south bank of the Allegheny River; thence up the said river by its several courses and allegiances to the place of beginning, containing 23 acres, and 95 perches, be the same more or less, being lot No. 125 of the allotment of lands in Liberty township, and part of warrant No. 2191, about 5 acres improved, one frame house with wing and shed, one of bearing, a young orchard, and well watered.

Seized and taken in execution and will be sold as the property of A. Bishop Coston, at the suit of Bingham Trustees.

C. S. KING, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., May 28, 1877.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of *Fieri Facias* issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., to me directed, I have levied upon the following described Real Estate, which I shall expose to public sale at the Court House in the Borough of Smethport, at one o'clock p. m., on Monday, June 18, 1877, to wit:

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate in Keating township, County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Commencing at a post the southeast corner of land of N. Taylor, lot No. 209; thence north 43 perches to a post in the warrant line; thence east 124 and 8-10 perches to a beech thence south 30 perches to a beech; thence west 10 perches to a hemlock the northwest corner of land of A. T. Barden, lot No. 219; thence south 13 perches to a post corner; thence east 124 and 8-10 perches to a post; thence south 13 perches to a post corner; thence west 124 and 8-10 perches to the place of beginning, containing 34 acres, more or less, being lot No. 208 of Keating & Co.'s allotment of land in said township.

Seized and taken in execution, and will be sold as the property of William Rook, at the suit of Young & Sanford, use of Miller, Penner & Co.

C. S. KING, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., May 28, 1877.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of *Venl Ex.* issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., to me directed, I have levied upon the following described Real Estate, to wit, which I shall expose to public sale at the Court House in the Borough of Smethport, on Monday, at one o'clock p. m., June 18, 1877.

The following described lot of land situated in the township of Bradford, county of McKean, Pa., bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a hemlock corner in the town line of Corydon and Bradford at the northeast corner of C. Chamberlain; thence west 120 rods; thence north 30 rods; thence east 120 rods to the town line; thence south 30 rods to the place of beginning; containing 24 and 2-10 acres, more or less, about 15 acres improved, one small board house thereon.

Seized and taken in execution, and will be sold as the property of Ann E. Fergus on, Administratrix of Geo. Ferguson, dec'd, at the suit of Wm. S. King and H. W. Leonard, Executors of Rebecca Bell, dec'd.

C. S. KING, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., May 28, 1877.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of *Fieri Facias* issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., to me directed, I have levied upon the following described Real Estate, to wit, which I shall expose to public sale at the Court House in the Borough of Smethport, on Monday June 18, 1877, at one o'clock p. m.

All that piece, parcel or tract of land situate in the village of Fort Allegany, County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: On the north by Church street, on the east by Church street, on the south by Main street, and on the west by C. L. Seelbury, containing about ½ of an acre, more or less, improved, one frame house with wing and one frame shed, one well of water and a few shade trees.

Seized and taken in execution, and will be sold as the property of James F. Crozier at the suit of Z. Reed.

C. S. KING, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., May 28, 1877.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of *Venl Ex.* issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., to me directed, I have levied upon the following described Real Estate, to wit, which I shall expose to public sale at the Court House in the Borough of Smethport, on Monday June 18, 1877, at 1 o'clock p. m.

All that piece, parcel or tract of land situate in the Township of Lafayette, County of McKean, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: That certain strip of land 100 feet in width, being 50 feet on the south side and running parallel to the center line of the said railroad company for a mill yard and place of deposit of timber, minerals conveyed, where the same crosses lot No. 20, of the allotment of the Bingham lands in said township, conveyed to William Talbot, containing 4 and 11-10 acres, being part of said lot, No. 20.

Seized and taken in execution, and will be sold as the property of Michael Murphy, at the suit of Hannah E. Smith and others.

C. S. KING, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., May 28, 1877.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of FIERI FACIAS issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., to me directed, I have levied upon the following described Real Estate, to wit: which I shall expose to public sale at the Court House, in the Borough of Smethport, on Monday, the 18th day of June, A. D. 1877, at one o'clock p. m.

All that piece, parcel or tract of land bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a post in the southwest corner of James Taylor's lot; thence along the said road westerly to the southeast corner of land set out and conveyed to Miles Irwin; thence by a line running on the south side of the three now standing trees, the cleared land of that part of the "Hill Farm," lying north of the said road, and being the east line of said land set off to Miles Irwin, north 45 and 9-10 perches, more or less, to the northeast corner of said land of Miles Irwin in the north line of the "Hill Farm" lot; thence by said north line east 43 and 9-10 perches, more or less, to a beech the northeast corner of the same, a three cedar's 81 perches to a post the northwest corner of the James Taylor lot aforesaid; thence by the west line of said James Taylor's lot, south 45 degrees, 17 and 1-10 perches to the place of beginning, containing 75 perches, more or less, being parts of warrants No. 3,001 and 3,007; about 50 acres improved, well watered, one stone barn, one frame barn with two sheds, one two story frame dwelling house.

Seized and taken in execution, and will be sold as the property of William Ormsby, at the suit of Esther Ormsby and Lydia Doolittle.

C. S. KING, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., May 28, 1877

BY VIRTUE of a writ of FIERI FACIAS issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., to me directed, I have levied upon the following described Real Estate, to wit: which I shall expose to public sale at the Court House in the Borough of Smethport, on Monday June 18, 1877, at one o'clock p. m.

All the following described piece, parcel or tract of land, situate in the township of Bradford, County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a post on the east bank of the Tunungwant creek, and at northwest corner of lot No. 119, thence east 80 perches, more or less, to a post at the northeast corner of said lot, No. 102 thence north 40 perches to a post on the south line of warrant No. 1,855; thence west 120 and 4-10 perches to a post on the east bank of said creek; thence up said creek to the place of beginning, containing 60 acres, more or less, and being the south part of lot No. 117, and part of warrant No. 1857; about 15 acres improved, one frame barn, one frame house, one shed house, and well watered. Reserving out of the tract of land improved, one well, and about 100 acres of land improved, one well, one shingle mill, one water-power saw mill, one house, &c.

Seized and taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Daniel Clark, at the suit of Horace Chapman.

C. S. KING, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., May 28, 1877.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of FIERI FACIAS issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., to me directed, I have levied upon the following described Real Estate, to wit: which I shall expose to public sale at the Court House in the Borough of Smethport, on Monday, the 18th day of June, A. D. 1877, at one o'clock p. m.

All that piece, parcel or tract of land bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a post in the southwest corner of James Taylor's lot; thence along the said road westerly to the southeast corner of land set out and conveyed to Miles Irwin; thence by a line running on the south side of the three now standing trees, the cleared land of that part of the "Hill Farm," lying north of the said road, and being the east line of said land set off to Miles Irwin, north 45 and 9-10 perches, more or less, to the northeast corner of said land of Miles Irwin in the north line of the "Hill Farm" lot; thence by said north line east 43 and 9-10 perches, more or less, to a beech the northeast corner of the same, a three cedar's 81 perches to a post the northwest corner of the James Taylor lot aforesaid; thence by the west line of said James Taylor's lot, south 45 degrees, 17 and 1-10 perches to the place of beginning, containing 75 perches, more or less, being parts of warrant's No. 3,001 and 3,007; about 50 acres improved, well watered, one stone barn, one frame barn with two sheds, one two story frame dwelling house.

Seized and taken in execution and will be sold as the property of William Ormsby, at the suit of Esther Ormsby and Lydia Doolittle.

C. S. KING, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., May 28, 1877

BY VIRTUE of a writ of FIERI FACIAS issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., to me directed, I have levied upon the following described Real Estate, to wit: which I shall expose to public sale at the Court House in the Borough of Smethport, on Monday, the 18th day of June, A. D. 1877, at one o'clock p. m.

All that piece, parcel or tract of land, situate in the village of Port Allegany, County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a post on the north bank of the Allegheny river, at the southwest corner of lot No. 97; thence east 25 perches to a post; thence north 44 perches to a post on the south bank of the Allegheny river; thence westerly up the said river to the place of beginning, containing 7 acres, more or less, being part of lot No. 98 in warrant No. 2166, improved; two frame houses and two frame barns.

ALSO—Another lot in Bradford township bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stone on the north bank of the Allegheny river; thence north 44 perches to a post; thence east 25 perches to a post; thence south 44 perches to a post on the north bank of the Allegheny river; thence westerly up the said river to the place of beginning, containing 7 acres, more or less, being part of lot No. 98 in warrant No. 2166, improved; two frame houses and two frame barns.

ALSO—Another lot of land bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a post standing on the south bank of the Allegany river in the west line of the A. B. Dos Chappelles tract; thence south by line of said lot 117 4-10 perches to a post corner; thence west 25 perches to a post the southeast corner of a lot of land contracted to D. Clark No. 254; thence north 114 and 2-10 perches to a post standing on the south bank of the Allegany River; thence up the said river by its several courses and allegiances to the place of beginning, containing 23 acres, and 95 perches, be the same more or less, being lot No. 125 of the allotment of lands in Liberty township, and part of warrant No. 2191, about 5 acres improved, one frame house with wing and shed, one of bearing, a young orchard, and well watered.

Seized and taken in execution and will be sold as the property of A. Bishop Coston, at the suit of Bingham Trustees.

C. S. KING, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., May 28, 1877.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of *Fieri Facias* issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., to me directed, I have levied upon the following described Real Estate, which I shall expose to public sale at the Court House in the Borough of Smethport, on Monday the 18th day of June, A. D. 1877, at one o'clock p. m.

All that piece, parcel or tract of land situated, lying and being in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania and in the County of McKean, bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at southeast corner of lot No. 220, conveyed to H. Weimore; thence south eight eighty perches to post corner; thence south one hundred perches to post; thence west eighty perches to the place of beginning, containing fifty acres, strict measure, be the same more or less, being lot No. 204 of allotment of Keating lands, in Liberty township, and part of warrants Nos. 2010, 2060, 2084 and 2153. One frame dwelling house, one frame barn, one orchard of young trees, well watered, and 25 acres of improved land.

Seized and taken in execution, and will be sold as the property of M. Ward at the suit of Patrick Morran.

C. S. KING, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., May 28, 1877.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of FIERI FACIAS issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., to me directed, I have levied upon the following described Real Estate, to wit which I shall expose to public sale at the Court House in the Borough of Smethport, on Monday the 18th day of June, A. D. 1877, at one o'clock p. m.

All that piece, parcel or tract of land situate in the village of Port Allegany, bounded and described as follows, to wit: On the north by Church street, on the east by Church street, on the south by Main street, on the west by A. M. Bigelow, containing about ½ of an acre, more or less, improved; one frame house with wing and wood shed, one frame barn, about 10 fruit trees, a few shade trees, and a well of water.

Seized and taken in execution, and will be sold as the property of O. Fosburgh, at the suit of A. M. Benton.

C. S. KING, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., May 28, 1876.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of FIERI FACIAS issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., to me directed, I have levied upon the following described Real Estate, to wit: which I shall expose to public sale at the Court House in the Borough of Smethport, on Monday, the 18th day of June, A. D. 1877, at one o'clock p. m.

All that piece parcel or tract of land, bounded and described as follows, viz: On the north by lot No. 29, conveyed to Wm. Lovejoy, and lot No. 251, contracted to Edwin Baldwin; on the east by the east line of warrant No. 2080; on the south by lot No. 192, conveyed to Cyrus Stumpf; and on the west by lot No. 280, contracted to Arthur Prentice, and lot No. 75, aforesaid, containing sixty acres and five tenths of an acre, be the same more or less, it being lot No. 235 of the allotment of the Bingham lands in Otto township, McKean County, and part of warrant No. 2049 seized and taken in execution, and will be sold as the property of Addison W. Loop, at the suit of Bingham Trustees.

C. S. KING, Sheriff

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., May 28, 1877

BY VIRTUE of a writ of FIERI FACIAS issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., to me directed, I have levied upon the following described Real Estate, to wit: which I shall expose to public sale at the Court House in the Borough of Smethport, on Monday the 18th day of June, A. D. 1877, at one o'clock p. m.

All that piece, parcel or tract of land situate in the Township of Bradford, County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a beech tree on the south west corner of lot No. 274; thence north 100 rods, more or less to a post in the north line of lot No. 247; thence east 120 rods to a post in the west line of lot No. 275; thence south 100 rods to a post in the north line of lot No. 247; thence west 120 rods to the place of beginning, containing 75 acres and 40 square rods, more or less, being lot No. 274, and west half of lot No. 247, part of warrant No. 3,010 and 3,007, about 30 acres improved; one two story house, one frame barn, one shed, 1 frame barn and stable, and a well of water.

Seized and taken in execution, and will be sold as the property of S. W. Copeland, at the suit of Reynolds & Stone.

C. S. KING, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., May 28, 1877.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of *Venl Ex.* issued out of the Courts of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., to me directed, I have levied upon the following described Real Estate, to wit: which I shall expose to public sale at the Court House in the Borough of Smethport at one o'clock p. m., on Monday the 18th day of June, A. D. 1877.

The following lot of land situate in the Borough of Smethport, bounded on the east by McKean street, on the south by Bath, on the west by the mill pond, on the north by lot No. 5, containing about ¾ of an acre, more or less; one dwelling house, one board stable, and a young orchard.

Seized and taken in execution, and will be sold as the property of Gilbert Lyman at the suit of J. P. Wendel.

C. S. KING, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., May 28, 1877.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of LEVARI FACIAS issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., to me directed, I have levied upon the following described Real Estate, to wit: which I shall expose to public sale at the Court House in the Borough of Smethport on Monday the 18th day of June, A. D. 1877, at one o'clock p. m.

All that piece, situate on the corner of Main and Mechanic Streets in the Borough of Smethport, and known as lot No. 54; and being a three story frame building with a two story frame wing attached; the three stories being 30 feet square, and the two story wing about 20 feet square, the whole being 70 feet deep.

Seized and taken in execution, and will be sold as the property of Mrs. F. Wolf, at the suit of Charles Rogers and Bailey, Gallett.

C. S. KING, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., May 28, 1877.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of *Fieri Facias* issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., to me directed, I have levied upon the following described Real Estate, to wit: which I shall expose to public sale at the Court House in the Borough of Smethport, on Monday the 18th day of June, A. D. 1877, at one o'clock p. m.

All that piece, parcel or tract of land situate in the village of Port Allegany, bounded and described as follows, to wit: On the north by Church street, on the east by Church street, on the south by Main street, on the west by C. L. Seelbury, containing about ½ of an acre, more or less, improved, one frame house with wing and one frame shed, one well of water and a few shade trees.

Seized and taken in execution, and will be sold as the property of James F. Crozier at the suit of Z. Reed.

C. S. KING, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., May 28, 1877.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of *Venl Ex.* issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., to me directed, I have levied upon the following described Real Estate, to wit: which I shall expose to public sale at the Court House, in the borough of Smethport, on Monday June 18, 1877, at 1 o'clock p. m.

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate in the Township of Lafayette, County of McKean, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: That certain strip of land 100 feet in width, being 50 feet on the south side and running parallel to the center line of the railroad company for a mill yard and place of deposit of timber, minerals conveyed, where the same crosses lot No. 20, of the allotment of the Bingham lands in said township, conveyed to William Talbot, containing 4 and 11-10 acres, being part of said lot, No. 20.

Seized and taken in execution, and will be sold as the property of Michael Murphy, at the suit of Hannah E. Smith and others.

C. S. KING, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., May 28, 1877.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of FIERI FACIAS issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., to me directed, I have levied upon the following described Real Estate, to wit: which I shall expose to public sale at the Court House in the Borough of Smethport, on Monday the 18th day of June, A. D. 1877, at one o'clock p. m.

All that piece, parcel or tract of land situate in the Township of Bradford, County of McKean, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a beech tree on the south west corner of lot No. 274; thence north 100 rods, more or less to a post in the north line of lot No. 247; thence east 120 rods to a post in the west line of lot No. 275; thence south 100 rods to a post in the north line of lot No. 247; thence west 120 rods to the place of beginning, containing 75 acres and 40 square rods, more or less, being lot No. 274, and west half of lot No. 247, part of warrant's Nos. 3,010 and 3,007, about 30 acres improved; one two story house, one frame barn, one shed, 1 frame barn and stable, and a well of water.

Seized and taken in execution, and will be sold as the property of S. W. Copeland, at the suit of Reynolds & Stone.

C. S. KING, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., May 28, 1877.

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The following lot of land situate in the Borough of Smethport, bounded on the east by McKean street, on the south by Bath, on the west by the mill pond, on the north by lot No. 5, containing about ¾ of an acre, more or less; one dwelling house, one board stable, and a young orchard.

Seized and taken in execution, and will be sold as the property of Gilbert Lyman at the suit of J. P. Wendel.

C. S. KING, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., May 28, 1877.

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All that piece parcel or tract of land, bounded and described as follows, viz: On the north by lot No. 29, conveyed to William Kilpatrick; on the east by the east line of warrant No. 2080; on the south by lot No. 192, conveyed to Cyrus Stumpf; and on the west by lot No. 280, contracted to Arthur Prentice, and lot No. 75, aforesaid, containing sixty acres and five tenths of an acre, be the same more or less, it being lot No. 235 of the allotment of the Bingham lands in Otto township, McKean County, and part of warrant No. 2049 seized and taken in execution, and will be sold as the property of Addison W. Loop, at the suit of Bingham Trustees.

C. S. KING, Sheriff

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All that piece, parcel or tract of land situate in the Township of Bradford, County of McKean, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a post on the east side of Mechanic Street; thence east 20 rods to a post; thence north 22 rods to a post in the south side of the R. B. & P. R. R.; thence south 60 degrees west 22 and 3-4 rods) by the R. R. lands to a post on the east side of Mechanic Street; thence south by the east line of Mechanic Street 9 rods to the place of beginning, containing 1½ and 4-100 acres, being village lots No. 371 and 373 in warrant No. 2060; all improved, with one two story dwelling house, one work shop, one ell well situated on this piece.

Seized and taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Wellington Lord, at the suit of Parker & McIvin, use of T. J. Melvin.

C. S. KING, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, May 28, 1877.

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All that piece, parcel or tract of land situate in the Township of Eldred, County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a post in the centre of the public road and in the east line of warrant No. 6120; thence by said line south 153 and 7-10 rods to a post; thence east 22 and 7-10 rods to a post; thence north 100 and 4-10 rods to a post in the centre of the public road; thence north by said road 61 degrees west 39½ rods to the place of beginning, containing 29½ acres, and allowance of 6 per cent or 30 and 4-10 acres, strict measure; about 10 acres improved; one house, one stable; well watered.

Seized and taken in execution, and will be sold as the property of G. A. Johnson, at the suit of Barden & Roberts.

C. S. KING, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., May 28, 1877.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of *Vend. Ex.* issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., to me directed, I have levied upon the following described Real Estate, to wit: which I shall expose to public sale at the Court House in the Borough of Smethport, on Monday the 18th day of June, A. D. 1877, at one o'clock p. m.

All the following described property situate in the Borough of Bradford, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a post on the east side of Mechanic Street; thence east 20 rods to a post; thence north 22 rods to a post in the south side of the R. B. & P. R. R.; thence south 60 degrees west 22 and 3-4 rods) by the R. R. lands to a post on the east side of Mechanic Street; thence south by the east line of Mechanic Street 9 rods to the place of beginning, containing 1½ and 4-100 acres, being village lots No. 371 and 373 in warrant No. 2060; all improved, with one two story dwelling house, one work shop, one ell well situated on this piece.

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METHODIST P—J. C. WHITTEMORE, pastor. Sabbath school every Sabbath at 9 a. m., and preaching at 10½ a. m. Class Meeting at 3:15 p. m. Prayer Meetings on Thursday evening at 7 p. m.

Preaching at Norwich at 7 p. m., and at Crandall at 3 p. m., every other Sabbath and Friday evening at 7½ o'clock. Sabbath School at 2 p. m. very Sabbath.

EPISCOPAL—O. J. Slosson, pastor. Services Sunday at 10½ a. m. and at 7½ p. m. Sunday School immediately after the morning service. Lecture announced in two weeks at the Mother Church notice.

PRESBYTERIAN—H. C. MILLIKEN, Rector. Services on the 1st and 3d Sundays of each month at 10½ a. m. and 7½ p. m. Sabbath school at 1 p. m.

ST. JEFFERSON CATHOLIC CHURCH (Rev. J. B. SMITH, pastor. Mass at 11 a. m. Service at 11 a. m. Sunday School at 2 p. m. Services on each alternate Sunday at Smethport and Clermont.

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BRIEF MENTION.

Over thirty applications for license at the June term of Court.

Lieutenant Court is in session this week. Judge H. W. Williams presiding.

Murphy talks $200 a night for his services. He is a high-toned reformer, indeed.

Insure your life with W. H. Mandeville, Olean, N. Y. tf

The oil excitement is at fever heat in Ridgway, and the populace are wild with excitement.

A cynical old bachelor says: "Ideas seldom strike men only get them when they are grown up, and women never have any."

Sound and reliable insurance companies represented by W. H. Mandeville tf

The Warren gusher, the Watson & Flagler well, is said to have averaged 300 bbls per day since it was torpedoed a week ago.

The jury in the case of Culbertson, Crossman returned their verdict this (Friday) morning giving a judgment in favor of Culbertson of $4,000.

It is not much of a hill to brag of, if the pitcher can dig out in half an hour if let alone. Yet that is the kind of a $37,000 pole we've got.

Freight rates on oil have been greatly reduced in consequence of a rumored combination of Pennsylvania roads to make Philadelphia the principal oil centre of the country.

W. P. Cutler and H. V. Chadwick are building substantial platforms in front of their stone buildings, which are a decided improvement.

Spectacles will be worn many cheaper this season than ever before. Four pairs of different sizes and a large dipper for a dollar! It's the style of it.

The bride shrimp of abandon is the only one of the old Kennedy Steam Mill, at Clermont, recalled Sawyer City. It don't take much to make a city over that way.

Insure your property against loss or damage by fire with W. H. Mandeville, Agent, Olean, N. Y. tf

The American Transfer Co. involuntarily received about 100 barrels of oil by the pipe breaking connection at Irvine's Mill and allowing the oil to run into the creek instead of their tanks at Carrolton.

Insure yourself against Accidents in the Railway Insurance Company, with W. H. Mandeville, agent, Olean, N. Y. tf

The proceedings of Court are not very stirring or the attendance very large this week. As a friend remarked to us: There is more than money at stake now; at the June session, when life and liberty is in jeopardy, the passes are crowded. Very true.

The Bradford Era of yesterday announces the marriage of Miss Eva Moore, eldest daughter of our esteemed friend Moorhouse, to Mr Charles H. Baker, of Bradford. Eva and her "best man" have our hearty congratulations.

Randall & Gifford are selling a line of second hand Piano Fronts. This is a case that bears a broken in shipment and is then offered at a place to regular sizes. It is very strong and of pleasant flavor, and is really worth to be sold at $150 or $160 less, and only about half as much.

The gentleman who gobbled up two or three ounces of writing paper in the Prothonotary's office on Tuesday, and put it to his pocket and walked off with it, thought no one saw him, but he was mistaken—as he will learn by reading this item. He is a large landholder and ought to be ashamed of himself for stooping to such petty thievery.

A correspondent of the Erie Dispatch writes: "The Catholics have a temperance society at Kane, called the C. T. A. U. S., with forty members and $900 in the Treasury. The society was organized at Kane in 1869. They have a paper published in New York, called the Catholic Total Abstinence Union, which has a large circulation, and is doing a great temperance work. Conductor J. O. Carter, of the Kenova accommodation, is president of the society in Kane."

Miss Pamelia Hamilton's lectures last evening were worthy of a more extended notice than we can give this morning. She is a clear, forcible speaker, and her lectures are full of new ideas that are vastly instructive and entertaining, and convey much food for thought.

—The Sheriff furnishes us an interesting and lengthy series of articles for this issue, to the exclusion of other matter and an unavoidable delay in the publication of the paper.

—There will be no services in the M. E. church next Sunday, on account of the bad condition of the brick walls, consequent upon letting the building down upon its new foundation.

—A pet deer owned by M. L. Armstrong became the mother of a pair of beautiful fawns a few days ago. One has since died. Mart. has bad luck with his deer.

—We hope "Domino" will continue to dish up for us each week as interesting a plate of items as his contribution of this week, "that his days may be long in the land."

—The prisoners in the jail undertook to effect a general break-out last Saturday evening by digging up through the corridor arch. They were detected and the scheme frustrated through the watchfulness of the Sheriff's wife. Each one occupies a separate cell now night and day.

—We had begun to think we would never see Maj. J. K. Hulley in McKean county again, since he has transplanted his vine and fig tree to the peach growing county of Delaware. But we were happily disappointed by his appearance into our office this week, favoring us with several pleasant calls. He seems to be enjoying life in his new home, yet he is one of the kind who can never real as illiteness, and we expect yet to hear that he is the head of some great enterprise that will benefit his fellows and give scope to his active brain and large heart.

—We are pleased to notice the improvement in the appearance of our neighbor, the Reporter. Nothing will make a paper shine like new type, and nothing in the stock of a newspaper office is more costly. We congratulate Brother Hughes upon his ability to make a much needed investment in that direction. We cannot say that we like the idea of a fancy border on a folio, but we suppose that's none of our business, any how. The fact of it is, we never could get Hughes to run his paper to suit us, especially as to its politics, and we have ceased laboring with him. Go your own way, my boy, and our best wishes go with you. We shall not forget you in our prayers.

A New Oil Field.

We learn by a telegram from Ridgway that a promising strike has been made in Millstone township, Elk county. The telegram stated that there was 800 feet of oil in the hole and fast filling up. Operators are disposed to believe that this will open up a valuable field in that section. The well is located on the Clarion river in the southwestern portion of the county, about 20 miles from Ridgway, almost directly south from Warren and in a direct southwest line from Smethport.

From Bradford to Smethport and Return in the Same Day.

Arrangements have at last been made by the railroad companies whereby parties can leave Bradford about eight in the morning, get to Smethport at noon, have over two hours for the transaction of business, also an hour and a half at Olean, and return to Bradford the same day. This is a great convenience, and the railroad companies deserve a vote of thanks for having at last got it through their heads that they could thus accommodate themselves and the public.

Our Bradford Correspondent.

We deem it not inappropriate to call attention to the merits of our Bradford correspondence. Fully appreciating the fact that regular, full and reliable reports from Bradford, the centre of the great McKean county oil district, would be the most eagerly sought after by a majority of our readers at home and abroad, we endeavored to secure the services of a capable and reliable correspondent from that section. We were fortunate in securing the services of a gentleman who fills the bill in every particular, as his letters during the past three months abundantly testify. He is in a position to secure the latest and most reliable reports from the wells, and his statements can be depended upon as entirely correct. The Miner does not assume to be exclusively an oil journal, yet we feel warranted in claiming the most reliable correspondence from the Tuna Valley Oil District, and in our capacity as a local county journal we shall spare no pains or expense to give our readers early and complete information regarding the development of the unbounded resources of McKean county, whether it be oil, or any of her many other valuable products.

The Welch Academy.

The rapid increase of the population of Kendall Creek has the effect to inconveniently overcrowd the common school building with little men and women seeking to sprout their young ideas. There are not less than eighty scholars in the Kendall Creek School, which is rather more than one teacher can manage with justice to teacher and scholars. To obviate this difficulty Mr. Frank Wheeler, who seems to be foremost in every good enterprise in the place, conceived the idea of erecting a commodious building for a select school. Frank is a quick in the execution of a good work as in the conception, and went to work on his own responsibility, secured a location, and in a short space of time secured the erection of a large building, 20x40, with all the necessary appliances of a school building. Last Thursday evening a Social Hop was given in the Academy room to help pay for the building, which was largely attended and very successful. A strawberry festival is next contemplated. The building has been christened "The Welch Academy," in honor of the retired Mayor of the city. A teacher has been engaged to open a Select School, and it promises to be one of the best institutions of Kendall Creek.

BRADFORD CORRESPONDENCE.

[FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.]

BRADFORD, PA., MAY 29, 1877.

To the Editor of the Miner:

Last Monday the market was as near bottom as any one cares to see it, but it has been fluctuating upwardly during the balance of the week. The American Transfer Pipe Line has bought during the week at $1.50, $1.60, $1.65 and $1.70, closing to-day at $1.77½.

United is quoted to-day $1.82½.

The Fisher well on Kendall Creek, has finally struck the sand. At last accounts it had 200 feet of oil in the hole. Do not know how it will "pan out" until it has been tubed and pumped.

Wilson, Germer & Co.'s well on Whittaker farm, State Line, made a large flow last Friday from second sand, and has indications of being a good well. State Line territory is looking up a little.

Beside the old wells on the Mason tract, Foster Brook territory has about thirty-five wells, only a few of which are completed. DeGolia boasts of twelve.

The P. C. & P. Co.'s No. 6, Haid, is through the sand and showing up for a fifteen barrel well. The engine, boiler, and tank houses of this company have all been whitewashed, which gives them a very pleasing effect, especially when viewed from a distance.

We have had a variety of weather during the past week, chiefly cold and wintry. Stoves not taken down and stowed away were held at a premium.

The quartette of Swedish ladies who sang at the opera house last Tuesday evening were greeted with a large and appreciative audience. The performance, although entirely vocal, was very sweet and all present were well pleased with the entertainment.

The offices of the American Transfer Co. are to be moved shortly from the Bradford House to a two story building now being erected east of B. T. Lain's residence on Main street. The iron tank and loading station of this company at Carrolton is completed and in use.

A "First National Bank of Bradford" is talked of, and some stock already subscribed for the same; but if it has no better success than the B. & B. Pipe Line, or the Bradford Reading Room, it is likely to have no existence in fact.

A Lodge of the "Ancient Order of United Workman" is being organized. We only have five other secret societies here at present, namely: Masons, Knights of Phythias, Independent Order Odd Fellows, Rechabites, Good Templars.

The New York Circus made its appearance here on Thursday as advertised. Of course no one intended going to it, but every body went, and it pronounced it a humbug show.

Mr. F. George Tenny a conductor on the Bradford Branch R. R., suspended six months ago, has been reinstated.

Store windows and walls of which places are highly embellished with pictorial show bills announcing the coming of Mr Frank Mayo as Davy Crocket for Tuesday, Blind Tom for Wednesday evening, and the great McLean Hippodrome, Circus and Menagerie, on Saturday.

The Welch Academy at Tarport was dedicated on Tuesday last with a social dance, which proved a very pleasant affair. The building is 20x40 and was erected at an expense of two hundred dollars. S. F. Wheeler Esq. is the sole projector of this enterprise, who wanted to furnish Tarport with a first class select school. It will accommodate 35 or 40 scholars and is presided over by Miss Pickett from Millerstown. A highly accomplished teacher. For the enterprise and public spirit displayed Mr Wheeler deserves the thanks of the whole community and the envy of some neighboring towns. D.D.

—The New York Times is the only American newspaper in which the progress of the Russo-Turkish war is reported by special correspondents in the field.

HOW TO CLEANSE WOOL.—A correspondent sends us the following recipe for cleansing wool. She says it saves time and seven cents per pound in the value of the wool: "Make a brine with a pint of salt to a pailful of water. Heat it so that you cannot hold your hand in it, but not boiling. Set it off the fire, put in the wool and let it stand from ten to thirty minutes. Then drain, wring it, and rinse in two or three waters.

Still They Come.

Mrs. W. D. Gallup has received another large stock of new Millinery Goods, which she is selling at greatly reduced prices. Her stock comprises trimmed hats, flowers, ribons, trimmings of all kinds, and a full line of the numberless tasty articles found in a first class ladies' furnishing store. Call and look at her goods.

The Laterals.

The law providing for the sale of the lateral canals which was enacted at the recent session of the New York Legislature, directs the abandonment of the Chemung Canal extension after May 1, 1878, the Chemung Canal after the 30th of September, 1877, the Crooked Lake Canal on and after the passage of this act, and the Genesee Valley Canal on and after the 20th of September, 1878. The law also directs the Canal Commissioners to advertise the sale of these works properly, with the material of the locks, aqueducts, etc. The proceeds of the sale, after paying expenses incurred under this law, shall become a part of the sinking fund to pay the interest and redeem the principle of the canal debt.

The Last Call.

All persons having unsettled accounts on my books will save themselves trouble and costs by settling the same immediately. I have placed all my accounts in the hands of C. M. Smith, Esq., for collection, with instructions to proceed at once to compel the payment of accounts not settled this week. "A word to the wise is sufficient, &c."

F. N. TAYLOR.

Eldred Items.

ELDRED PA., MAY 29, 1877.

OIL NEWS.

The Knapp's Creek Oil Co., S. Smith, agent, started the drills on their territory on Friday last, and the problem will soon be solved whether there is oil on this creek or not.

Mr. Jno. Gridley, on the same creek, has leased the whole of his farm, 300 acres, to a company, and operations were commenced last week, and a test well will go down as quickly as possible. The more quickly this territory is developed the better it will be for the trade of our village, as we are only three or four miles from the scene of operations.

There is nothing new to report from the Bennis & Co.'s well on Indian Creek. It is still flowing, but in what quantity I am unable to state as the tank, etc., are all locked up from the public view. I, with a great many others, am of the opinion that this well does not amount to much.

The McMillin well on the same creek is down over 1100 feet, and the amount of gas is so great that work is almost suspended. The other wells on the creek are progressing favorably.

The Queen City Oil Co. of Buffalo, start the drill in their test well at Sartwell today. The well belonging to the same company on the Wright farm, Cole creek, is down over 1000 feet and in the second sand with first class indications of being a good well.

TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT.

On Wednesday evening last, notwithstanding the cold and rain a goodly crowd assembled in the Union Church, Eldred, to listen to addresses on the all important subject of Temperance. The speakers were Major R. V. King, of Westonville, N. Y., and Rev S. D. Morris, State Line. Rev. Mr. Bennett presided over the meeting and W. G. Weaver acted as Secretary. Both of the lecturers gave excellent addresses which were attentively listened to. At the close a general invitation was given to parties to come forward and sign the pledge, and 26 responded to the call, making with those already signed about 150, pretty good for this small place, but we hope to have a great many more at our next meeting, which will be held in the same place on Wednesday evening, June, the 6th inst. Good speakers will be present but I am not able to give their names in this letter. All persons are earnestly invited to attend.

OTHER ITEMS.

The body of the little fellow, Walter Wright, who was drowned in the Allegany some five weeks ago by falling from a raft, was found on Thursday afternoon last, the 24th inst., about half a mile from the place where he fell in, by Ed Carpenter, who was fishing from a float in the river and saw one of his feet above the water. He pulled the body on shore and it was conveyed to the parents residence. It was in a very decomposed state and was interred on Friday morning in the family burying ground at Shull Town. It is some consolation to the bereaved parents that the body was found and has received christian burial.

Some dogs have been committing depredations among the sheep on Newel Brook during the past week, something like thirty having been killed. Pat White alone had ten destroyed in one night.

There was a religious meeting held in the Wright School House over the river on Sunday afternoon last, the occasion being the preparation for baptism of those converted some few weeks ago. Rev. Waterbury Miller, of Larrabee, delivered a sermon suitable for the occasion, after which the people proceeded to the river where the baptismal rite was to be administered. A great crowd assembled on both banks of the Allegany, numbering over 300 people, to witness the ceremony which was performed by Rev. A. W. Merville Nineteen were baptised, seventeen by immersion and two by sprinkling.

Our boys are meeting with good success trolling for pike in the Allegany. On Friday last Ernest and Fred Barden, and Jackson and Albert Wolcott landed three nice fish weighing respectively 6, 11 and 12 pounds each.

The second meeting of Mayflower Lodge I. O. G. T., was held in Dennis's Hall on Friday evening last, when in addition to the usual business, three new members were initiated, and two others proposed for membership. With proper management this Lodge will grow up and do a great deal of good.

VERITAS

Bark.

A. H. Cory buys and ships hemlock bark from Smethport, Farmers Valley, Frankee and Larrabee. May 31 1877. tf

MUSICAL INSTRUCTION.
Vocal and Instrumental.

Mrs. Shoemaker would announce to the citizens of Smethport and vicinity that she intends to devote her entire time the coming season to giving instructions in Instrumental music and Vocal Culture. She will also make a specialty of instruction in Thorough Bass.

Mrs. S. has been engaged in teaching instrumental and vocal music for years with marked success. Classes wishing instruction and desiring the services of a first class teacher will find in her a person having no superior in the profession.

She intends commencing the term Tuesday, May 1st. TERMS—$10 per term, 24 lessons, 2 each week.

Notice.

All persons having unsettled accounts with the late Hon. A. N. Taylor, are hereby notified that said accounts are now in the hands of John C. Backus, who is Attorney for the Executors of the Estate of said Taylor, who will together with one or more of the said Executors make it a point to be at the office of said Backus, in the borough of Smethport, on Wednesday and Thursday of each week, after next week, for the purpose of settling said accounts. All persons having unsettled accounts as above stated, will please be prompt in answering the notice, and thereby save themselves costs.

A. B. TAYLOR,
D. C. YOUNG, } Executors.
F. N. TAYLOR.

Smethport, Pa. Nov. 16, 1876.—tf

Larrabee Items.

It gives us genuine pleasure to state that Mr. John S. Fisher, the Larrabee clothing merchant, has finally recovered from a severe sickness which his friends thought would prove fatal. I believe the disease which prostrated him was typhoid fever, and but for his announced determination to "live until the millennium comes," he would now be spoken of in connection with those who have "passed before." Very few people have the constitution to pull through so clear a case of fever as John evidently had.

I venture to say that in the way of a garden the one made by Fred. Johnson "lays over" anything of the kind in McKean county. A large portion of the ground is devoted to the propagation of flowers, and judging from the showing of last season and the extensive preparations now being made, it is safe to say that any one visiting Larrabee in about four weeks from now and failing to examine his grounds will miss a rare treat.

"Sam." Tyler, engineer on McKean & Buffalo road, is building a very pretty little house in Larrabee. He recently purchased an acre of land for the purpose, and proposes to erect a dwelling second to none in the place.

Many marked improvements are being made on the house of D. C. Young, among which might be mentioned a portico in front and a large conservatory on the north side. In making this enlargement Clint. evidently had in view the new comer who arrived a few days since, and of whom he is justly proud. He says if he lives up to custom he must put on airs (heirs.)

The prospective new site for the Larrabee House is still vacant, but from the tone of "Rant.'s" promises, one is led to believe that this will not long be the case. Mr. Larrabee is a good citizen and an obliging landlord, and when he moves his hotel on the lot near the depot I hope to see his customers doubled. Very few hotel keepers are afflicted with "Rant.'s" enlargement of the heart.

The little boy of William Wright who was drowned some five weeks ago was finally found on Friday last, in the neighborhood of a mile from where he fell into the river. The remains were found under a small raft or "float" which was built for the purpose of searching for the body.

Mr. Hudson, the shoemaker, has finally got moved into his new quarters. He is a good workman, and now has room to "spread himself." DOMINO.

Wilcox Items.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

—Weather cold

—Now bring out your ulsters.

—Col Wilcox is expected to visit us some time this summer.

—General Kane, of Kane, McKean Co., was in town last week.

—The saw mill of this place, which has been idle for six months, starts up on Monday next.

—On Tuesday morning, 22d inst., the building owned by A. C. Allen and used as a billiard room was consumed by fire. It is said to be insured to cover the loss, but "what will the harvest be?"

—Jeff has returned from the city with a full stock of goods. Now get a $3.00 suit of clothes and dress up for once.

—Scene, street, 10 p. m.—young lady meets Peter Familus.—"Pa, let me have the key to the store, please."

P. F.—"What for"

Y. L.—"I want to get in."

P. F.—"Hum, hum, I think it is time you were getting in some where." Exit young lady.

—Arthur Bevier, M. D., has returned from Allenville, N. Y. where he has been studying medicine for the past eight months. He looks somewhat dignified and I suppose he will be known as Dr Bevier hereafter, at least some of the girls think he is as good as any body's Dr. We have only three Dr's. in Wilcox and one more to come. Oh the bland smile of Undertaker Smith.

—Murphy has gone to Bradford to look after his oil interests. Not Murphy, the temperance wave, but J. L. Murphy, the man that drives the best pair of roadsters in two counties, and if you don't believe it just follow him for one day and report.

—A. T. Aldrich, P. m., or Nasby No. 2, still retains the position of Postmaster. We sent our petition in to old Reform Tilden, but he dropped the reform so soon after election that I never heard from the petition. I expect that the Democratic Commission gobbled it and gave it to Hayes. But we will try again when the tidal wave sweeps the country next Presidential election.

—Wilcox is getting lightened. We are a first class R. R. station, and have two first class agents running. It is an improvement on the old style of commissions which is very agreeable to the public.

—The saw mill starts up on Monday next after being idle for six months, quite a relief to the town as many men are out of employment. ISEM.

The Dictionary as an Instructor.

We notice as a matter well worth mentioning, that at the recent great publisher's trade sale in New York, the books that were most in demand and brought the best prices were Webster's Dictionaries, from the famous Quarto to the neat and handy pocket edition. This fact is a good indication of the utmost universal popularity of these books, and of the growing public demand for them. It indicates also a fact of far greater importance, and that is the interest the people are taking in the study of their own language. This is encouraging, as there is no branch of education that is now and has been so much neglected as the common branches of *spelling* and *defining*. It is often astonishing and grievous to see how grossly ignorant are children and youth, and even men and women, of the orthography, pronunciation and meaning of ordinary words and phrases. They cannot express their thoughts for the want of words, and often they express thoughts very different from what they intend, because they do not understand the words they employ. And very frequently, from the same cause, they take no idea, or wrong ideas, from what they read or hear.

The remedy for these evils is the proper training in the study of words, by the use of the Dictionary, and this training should begin as soon as the child can distinguish between one word and another, and continue indefinitely. The apparatus for this study should, of course, be the most complete and thorough to be had, and this is abundantly supplied in Webster's Dictionaries, which are justly recognized, wherever our language is spoken, as the standard authority in English. Parents and teachers can in no other way so effectually or so cheaply promote the educational interests of their children, when of suitable age, as by putting in their hands any one of Webster's School Dictionaries, for daily use in connection with the study of their lessons, and by placing on the family center table, or the teacher's desk as the authoritive guide and standard, a copy of the Unabridged.

The unabridged contains 3,000 illustrations, over 114,000 words in its vocabularies, and 10,000 words and meanings not in any other Dictionary; the abridged editions comprise "The Primary," which has the largest sale, and which has some capital rules for spelling. "The Common School" is similar, but larger, with tables of synonyms, &c. "The High School," still fuller, with many useful tables; "The Academic" and "Counting-house" for advanced schools and for general home and business use. The latter has some specially valuable commercial and financial tables. The little "Pocket" edition, with its bright gilt edges and morocco binding, is truly an invaluable pocket companion. It contains more than 18,000 words, rules for spelling, many abbreviations, words and phrases, proverbs, etc., ordinarily met with in the Greek, Latin and Modern languages. Whether it is convenient or not to have copies of any of the other books of the series, we certainly recommend that all should possess a copy of the Pocket, which when not otherwise obtainable, may be had by mail, by inclosing $1.00 to the publishers, Messrs. IVISON, BLAKEMAN, TAYLOR & CO., 138 and 140 Grand Street, New York.

Every family should at all times have James' Cough Pills in their house and use them when needed. There need be no Catarrh, no Bronchitis, no Consumption if this medicine be relied on and used according to directions. These pills cost 50 cts per bottle and are worth $50 per bottle compared with any other cough remedy in the market. 2p

NOTICE of Application for Charter. To ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Take notice that an application will be made to his excellency John F. Hartranft, at the Executive Chambers in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on Tuesday, June 13th, 1877, at 10 o'clock P. M., for the incorporation of "The Bradford Water works Company," a joint stock company, having for its object the supplying of water for fire or other purposes to the Borough of Bradford and vicinity. C. A. BERRY, Attorney. 30-7p

NOTICE is hereby given that G. M. Smith and Sarah Barrett, Administrators of the estate of Willis Barrett, deceased, have filed in my office their last and final account as Administrators of said estate, and will present the same for confirmation and allowance at the next at ded term of Orphan's Court to be held in Smethport on the 18th day of June next, 1877. WITNESS my hand and seal, May 14, 1877.

20-4p C. K. SARTWELL, Register.

NOTICE is hereby given that G. N. Hazlett and Henry Chandler, Executors of the estate of William J. Hornbrook, deceased, have filed in my office their last and final account as Executors of said estate, and I will present the same for confirmation and allowance at the next stated term of Orphan's Court to be held in Smethport on the 18th day of June next, 1877.

20-4p C. K. SARTWELL, Register.

Martha Knapp by her next friend C. Carter vs. Orlando Knapp } No 99, Dec. Term, 1876. In the Common Pleas of McKean County

SUBPŒNA IN DIVORCE.

Subpœna issued Nov. 15, 1876, returned *nihil. Alias* Subpœna issued Feby. 10, 1877. Returned *nihil.*

To Orlando Knapp, Respondent:

TAKE NOTICE that the above writs of Subpœna have been issued by order of court, and you are hereby notified to be and appear at our Court of Common Pleas to be held at Smethport on the third Monday of June next, (it being the return day of our next term of court,) and answer the Complaint of the libellant filed in the above case.

C. S. KING, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa. May 8, 1877.—6-4t

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

WHEREAS Letters of Administration upon the estate of Thomas N. Fees, deceased, late of Liberty township, County of McKean, State of Pennsylvania, have been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are required to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay.

HENRY C. CRAWFORD,
Administrator.

Mar. 20, 1877—6p

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

BY VIRTUE of an order from the Orphan's Court of McKean County, we will expose at public sale on

Friday, June 15, 1877,

at 2 o'clock p. m., at the late residence of H. N. Powell, deceased, in Smethport, the following pieces or parcels of Real Estate, bounded and described as follows, to wit:

FIRST—The East one-half of square No. 88, as shown in the general plot of the Borough of Smethport, County of McKean, and State of Pennsylvania, supposed to contain about four-fifths of an acre of improved land, and having thereon one good frame house, one frame barn and a few young apple trees.

SECOND—Village lots Nos. 51, 52 and 53, as laid out in the general plot of the village of Kane, McKean County, Pa.

THIRD—Also all of his interest in a house and lot in Kane, McKean County, Pa., situated on the corner of Poplar Street and Pinoaka Avenue, for which the said Powell in his lifetime held a contract for a deed.

TERMS OF SALE—One-half cash when the property is struck down, and the balance payable in six months, secured by Judgment Bond.

C. M. SMITH,
T. V. POWELL,
Administrators.

30-4p

LIST OF GRAND JURORS for June Term 1877.

Annin Twp.—Geo Champlin, John Caple, S. R. June, E. H. Nichols.
Bradford Twp.—Wm R. Fisher.
Bradford Boro'—C. C. Melvin.
Ceres Twp.—Wm R. King, C. H. Smith.
Corydon Twp.—Albert Kinney, C. S. Wells.
Keating Twp.—Jerry Conner, S. P. Card. W. F. Ormsby.
Liberty Twp—L. J. Gallup, S. S. Lillibridge, Homer Lamb, Geo Richardson, Miles White
Otto Twp.—W. E. Strickland.
Smethport Boro'—Charles Bush, John Digel, S. J. Gifford.
Wetmore Twp.—Jas. Anderson, John Springer.

LIST OF OYER and TERMINER JURORS drawn for June Term, 1877.

Annin—Ashbel Holcomb, Jerome Hodges, Geo. Kruse.
Bradford—James Buchanan, T. A Crandall, Lorenzo Drake, Cornelius J Lane
Bradford Boro—Robt Greggs, Ezra Holmes, A. L Hughes.
Ceres—S L Adams, Nelson Peabody, J. J. Robbins
Eldred—C M Caufield, Reuben Dennis, Richard Mosey, Gilbert Meady.
Hamlin—Wm Smith.
Keating—Geo M Barrett, T L Chapin, Jane Chadwick, Geo Ferris, Geo A Hide, Eugene McDowell, Allen Rifle, J K Stull.
Liberty—J D Abbey, Samuel Cole, Truman Elliott, C W Fare, F A Griggsby, C A Larrabee, E J Manard, J K Moore, S C Sartwell.
Lafayette—G C Smith.
Norwich—C H Smith.
Otto—Cyrus Baldwin, M G Dennis, Wm. Lovejoy, P W Spraguig.
Sergeant—Charles Moore, J R Shoemaker.
Smethport Boro'—Julius Beckwith.
Wetmore—Joseph Green, J McClandless, Leander Nutt, Charles Piccolin.

J. E. B. WHITE,
JAMES A. ANDERSON,
Jury Com'rs.

C. S. KING, Sheriff.

LICENSE PETITIONS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following named persons have filed in the Court of Quarter Sessions of McKean County, Petitions for licenses, which will be presented to the Court at June Sessions, 1877.

FOR TAVERN LICENSES.

BRADFORD BORO'	-	John G. King.
" "	-	E. W. Green.
" "	-	Phil W. Kolb.
" "	-	Edward Nolan.
" "	-	John Keown.
" "	-	Ira Wagner.
" "	-	James Drumgold.
" "	-	Thos McGoldrick.
" "	-	Wellington Smith.
" "	-	John Quigley.
BRADFORD TWP.	-	O. M. Reynolds.
ELDRED TWP.	-	E. Larrabee.
" "	-	James O'Neil.
" "	-	C. M. Coleman.
" "	-	McNaina & Lavery.
" "	-	Philip Pinkerman.
" "	-	Basil H. Lewis.
" "	-	Jeremiah Cronan.
" "	-	Duncan Sutherland.
" "	-	W. W. Crandall.
" "	-	Patrick Melquece.
LIBERTY TWP.	-	S. G. Sartwell.
" "	-	Ed. Mullin.
" "	-	sally A. Palmer.
SERGEANT TWP.	-	C. H. Moore.
SMETHPORT BORO'	-	Wm. Haskill.
WETMORE TWP.	-	Geo. Welker.

RESTAURANT or EATING HOUSE LICENSE

LIBERTY TWP.	-	L. E. Bishop.
BRADFORD "	-	James O'Donnell.
" BORO'	-	P. L. Appleby.
"	-	Geo B. Abbey & H Gunn.

WHOLESALE & RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE

LAFAYETTE TWP.	-	Charles Geary.
LIBERTY TWP.	-	Kerron Hanlon.

WITNESS my hand and seal of office at Smethport, May 29, 1877.

C. K. SARTWELL, Clerk.
per JNO. R. CHADWICK, Dep'y.

COURT PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, the Hon. HENRY W. WILLIAMS, President Judge, and the Hons. W. S. BROWNELL, and F. N. BURNHAM, Associate Judges of the courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Orphans' Court and Court of Common Pleas for the County of McKean, have issued their precept, bearing date Friday, March 2, A. D. 1877, and to me directed, for holding a Court of Oyer and Terminer and Jail Delivery, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Orphans' Court, and Court of Common Pleas, in the Borough of Smethport on Monday, the 16th day of March, 1877, and to continue one week.

Notice is therefore hereby given to the Coroners, Justices of the Peace and Constables within the county that they be then and there in their proper person at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, with their rolls, records, inquisitions, examinations, and other remembrances, to do those things which their offices appertain to be done. And those who are bound by their recognizances to prosecute the prisoners that are or shall be in the jail of said county of McKean, are to be then and there to prosecute against them as well as just.

Dated at Smethport, May 24, 1877, and the 101th year of the Independence of the United States of America.

C. S. KING, Sheriff.

STATEMENT of Annin Road Funds on the First day of April, 1877.

	Cr.
By County Road Orders	$270 84
By Road Duplicate	370 39
By Special Duplicate	221 36
	$702 59

	Dr.
To Exonerations and fees	$ 15 46
To worked on Road Duplicate	345 72
To work carried over	24 67
To Supervisor's services, and plank for bridges	172 15
To Paid on last year's debt	145 09
To paid present year's orders	99 50
To orders of 1876 not paid	177 53
To Due Supervisor Cooper	35 93
	$926 05
	702 59
	$223 46

We, the undersigned certify that the above is a true statement of the Financial condition of Annin Township.

JOHN KINNEY,
THERON COOPER,
Supervisors.

CAUTION.

MY WIFE, Catharine Garva, has left my bed and board without any just cause or provocation, and I hereby forbid any person harboring or trusting her on my account, as I shall pay no debts of her contracting. JOHN GARVA.

Clermont, May 26, 1877.—31-3p

Cheap Guns for the People.

Double Shot Guns, from $7 to $30. Breech Loading Shot Guns, from $25 to $150. Single Shot Guns, all kinds, $2 to $25. Rifles, Muzzle and Breech Loading, Single and Repeating, 1 to 10 and 24 shooters. Revolvers, 5, 6 and 7 shooters, $2.50 to $20.

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TERMS—$10 to insure a foal. Insurance money, due June 1st, 1878.

Single service $5, money due at time of service.

Any person having a mare insured, and parting with her before the time of foaling, will be held accountable for the insurance money, unless it be proven that the mare was not with foal. Insured mares must be returned regularly to the horse or the owners will be charged the insurance money.

The admirers of well bred horses, and all persons interested in raising good stock are respectfully invited to examine this horse.

Pedigree guaranteed as stated or insurance money forfeited. W. O. CONGDEN.

Smethport, Pa.—14-23-tf

Pennsylvania Railroad.

Philadelphia & Erie R. R. Division

WINTER TIME TABLE.

On and after SUNDAY, NOV. 26, 1876, the Trains on the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad Division will run as follows:

WESTWARD.

NIAGARA EXPRESS leaves	Renovo	4.45 p. m
" "	Driftwood	5.54 p. m
" "	Emporium	6.50 p. m
" "	arr. at Kane	9.20 p. m
ERIE MAIL leaves	Philadelphia	11.35 p. m
" "	Renovo	11.00 a. m
" "	Emporium	12.15 p. m
" "	Kane	3.10 p. m
" "	arr. at Erie	7.35 p. m

EASTWARD.

DAY EXPRESS leaves	Kane	9.00 a. m
" "	Emporium	8.10 a. m
" "	Driftwood	8.50 a. m
" "	Renovo	10.10 a. m
ERIE MAIL leaves	Erie	11.05 a. m
" "	Kane	3.30 p. m
" "	Emporium	6.10 p. m

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Apple Parers,
Carriage Bolts,
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Carriage Gaiters,
Door Knobs,
Butt Hooks,
Bolt Chains,
Bed Cords,
Post Augers,
Brad Awls,
Bench Screws,
Spoke Sh've,
Tire Bender,
Anvils,
Blind Butts,
Blind Screws,
Bolts of all kinds,
Compasses,
Dividers,
Files,
Boring Machines,
Steelyards,
Tape Lines,
Bells, Gongs,
Chains of all kinds,
Cattle Leaders,
Chains of all kinds,
Chalk Lines,
Chalk,
Crayons,
Wheels of all kinds,
Clamps,
Cleavers,
Clothes Lines,
Clothes Wringers,
Coal Hods,
Coffee Mills,
Corn Cutters,
Corn Poppers,
Crowbars,
Currycombs,
Curtain Pins,
Cutlery,
Dippers,
Dividers,
Dog Collars,
Draw Shaves,
Egg Beaters,
Expansive Bits,
Faucets,
Fellow Plates,
Files,
Planing Machines,
Forks of all kinds,
Fasteners,
Fry Pans,
Gate Hinges,
Gauges,
Gamlets,
Glazier's Points,
Glue,
Glue Pots,
Grass Sickles,
Gentrums,
Gunpowder,
Grindstones,
Gun Nipples,
Hammers,
Hand Vises,
Handles of all kinds,
Hasps and Staples,
Hatchets,
Hay Knives,
Hinges of all kinds,
Hoes,
Hooks of all kinds,
Horse Pokes,
Horse Rakes,
Horse Hoes,
Iron of all kinds—Rod, Pinking, Waffle and Tayer,
Kettles,
Keys,
Knives,
Lamps,
Lanterns,
Levels,
Locks,
Mallets,
Match Safes,
Measuring Tapes,
Meat Cutters,
Molasses Gates,
Mop Sticks,
Mouse Traps,
Mowing Machines,
Nails,
Oils,
Oilers,
Oil Stones,
Picks,
Picture Nails,
Planes,
Pulleys,
Pumps,
Plows,
Rakes,
Reaps,
Rivets,
Ropes,
Rules,
Safety Fuse,
Sandpaper,
Saucepans,
Saws of all kinds,
Scissors,
Scoops — Coal and Grain,
Screwdrivers,
Screws,
Scythes,
Sheep Shears,
Shot,
Shovels,
Sieves,
Spades,
Spoons,
Squares,
Stoves,
Tacks,
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The Real and the Ideal.

THE REAL.

John Smith was arraigned in the Jefferson Market police court on a charge of intoxication.

"You were drunk," said his honor.

"I can't deny it," said the prisoner.

"I will have to fine you $10," said the court.

"All right, boss," said the prisoner.

THE IDEAL.

A gentleman rejoicing in the cognomen of John Smith was placed in the uncomfortable attitude of a defendant before the bar of a temple of justice called the Jefferson Market police court. The allegation against the prisoner was that of a too copious indulgence in that beverage which, while it cheers, does also tremendously inebriate.

"You were suffering from a severe attack of dipsomania," asseverated the conservator of justice.

"It is not in the nature of things for me to successfully combat that asseveration," responded the gentleman in durance vile.

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First the stomach don't work right, then comes bad feeling after eating, flatulency, headache, dullness and melancholy, sometimes nausea and vomiting. The liver soon becomes torpid, then biliousness, constipation, or possibly diarrhea, follows. Then comes the kidney affections, with pain in the back and more or less rheumatism or neuralgia, finally the nervous system becomes affected, aggravating all these and adding other symptoms, until it is all aches, pains, weakness, dullness, irritability, bad temper and a miserable feeling throughout. A simple, pleasant and cheap remedy for all this is Van Buskirk's Invigorant, only 50 cents. Druggists sell it. Van Buskirk & Co., proprietors, 19 Vesey St., New York.

The Delight of the System

Must either pass through its natural channels of exit, the bowels, the kidneys and the pores, or, in default thereof, poison and disorder the fluids of the system. In order to effect the complete expulsion of the dangerous refuse the organs through which it passes out must be active and unobstructed. Fortunately there is a certain means of reaching them so when they are not. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters stimulates the action of the excretory organs, and by diffusing a genial warmth through the circulation, encourages a moderate perspiration. By this triple effort the exudates of the faecal and other waste matters are encouraged, and the system freed from peril it would otherwise incur. The action of the bowels which follows the use of this beneficent alterative is easy and unaccompanied by griping, and its stimulative effect upon the urinary organs very conducive to their local health.

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Texas and Cherokee	12 @	12¾
Milch Cows	60 @	80
Hogs—Live	6¾@	6¾
Dressed	8 @	8¾
Sheep	5 @	6¼
Lambs	11¾@	11¾
Cotton—Middling	12 @	12¼
Flour—Western—Good to Choice	6 65 @	7 10
State—Good to Choice	7 00 @	7 75
Wheat—Red Western	1 30 @	1 35
No. 2 Milwaukee	1 25 @	1 29
Rye—State	1 05 @	1 10
Barley—State	1 10 @	1 15
Barley Malt	1 10 @	1 35
Oats—Mixed	43 @	43½
Corn—Mixed Western	72 @	73
Corn—Mixed Western	72 @	75
Hay, per cwt	85 @	90
Straw, per cwt	60 @	75
Hops	28@30 @	30
Pork—Mess	13 50 @	13 75
Lard—City Steam	12¾ @	12¾
Fish—Mackerel, No. 1, new	14 00 @	15 00
No. 2, new	11 00 @	12 00
Dry Cod, per cwt	4 75 @	5 00
Herring, Scaled, per box	@	15
Petroleum—Crude	7¾@8¼ @	Refined 13¾
Wool—California Fleece	30 @	37
Texas	13 @	17
Australian	45 @	45
Butter—Extra	20 @	22
Western—Choice	16 @	17
Western—Good to Prime	13 @	13
Western—Fair to	11 @	11
Cheese—State Factory	12 @	14
State Dairy	12 @	13
Western	11½@	12
Eggs—State and Pennsylvania	19 @	19

BUFFALO.

Flour	7 80 @	8 00
Wheat—No. 1 Milwaukee	1 26 @	1 26
Corn—Mixed	32½@	32½
Oats	33 @	33
Rye	62 @	62
Barley	80 @	91
Barley Malt	1 30 @	1 19

PHILADELPHIA.

Beef Cattle—Extra	6 @	6¾
Sheep	5 @	6¼
Hogs—Dressed	8½@	8¾
Flour—Family Grade Extra	6 50 @	6 90
Wheat—Red Western	1 25 @	1 27
Rye	87 @	91
Corn—Yellow	68 @	69
Mixed	68 @	69
Oats—Mixed	39 @	40
Petroleum—Crude	7¾@8¼	Refined 13¾
Wool—Colorado	13 @	25
Texas	11 @	15
California	@	@

BOSTON.

Beef Cattle	6½@	6¾
Sheep	6 @	6¾
Hogs	8 @	8¾
Flour—Wisconsin and Minnesota	6 90 @	7 75
Corn—Mixed	70 @	71
Oats	42 @	43
Wool—Ohio and Pennsylvania XX	42 @	43
California Fall	15 @	30

BALTIMORE MARK.

Beef Cattle	6¾ @	6¾
Sheep	5½ @	6¼
Lambs	11½@	12½
Hogs	8½@	8¾

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Lambs	5 @	6 75

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